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From the Editor

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What is CHAMPS? "Challenging Athletes Minds for Personal Success."

The CHAMPS program is designed to help student-athletes realize higher academic achievement, increase the likelihood of retention, graduation and entering a chosen profession with a higher level of vision, maturity, knowledge, motivation, self-responsibility and greater overall success.

CHAMPS/Life Skills Commitments:

1. Academics: To develop a total program of academic assistance.

a. Orientation: To establish a positive relationship between the student and the institution's personnel and resources.

b. Assessment: To evaluate learning abilities and identify challenges.

c. Academic Advising: To facilitate academic learning and progress toward a chosen degree.

d. Registration in a meaningful curriculum.

e. Tutoring and structured study sessions.

f. Awards, Honors and Recognition.

2. Athletics: To administer an athletics program that truly dedicates itself to the well-being of the student-athlete.

a. A commitment to a broad program of sports.

b. A commitment to a well qualified and trained staff of coaches and support staff.

c. Facilities, equipment, scheduling and travel accommodations that allow each athlete to achieve his maximum potential.

d. Athletic support programs that accommodate the needs of all student-athletes.

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4. Personal Development: To provide information that will enhance the development of student-athletes personally, socially, fundamentally as well as strengthen communications skills and provide personal health information.

5. Community Service: To provide the student-athlete with community service opportunities that will improve self-esteem, aid in learning and improve the image of their sport, as well as the image of the University athletic department.

Vols Career Network

Freshman Year

•Identify skills, interest, and resources pertinent to career consideration.

•Visit UT career resources

•Research and choose a suitable/desirable major.

•Develop personal career goals.

Sophomore Year

•Attend a minimum of one career-oriented workshop.

•Research and engage necessary academic requirements for graduation.

•Assess career weaknesses and create developmental game plan.

•Resume Development: Phase I

Junior Year

•Attend a minimum of three career-oriented workshops (Job Fair, Etiquette, How to Interview, etc.)

•If considering graduate school, prepare analysis of graduate school alternatives.

•Research prospects and secure summer internships

•Resume Development: Phase II

Senior Year

•Attend at least three career-oriented workshops (How to Dress, How to Interview, Job Information Sessions, etc.)

•Resume Submissions: Phase III

•Evaluate and analyze potential and actual job offers.

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Defending the SEC Title...

A Preview of the 1998 Season!

Sophomore running back Jamal Lewis was nominated to the pre-season All-SEC First Team, but will need the same desire he used to the lead nation in rushing by a freshman. Lewis gained more than 1300 yards in virtually eight games last season and he is looking forward to upping that total this season.

The Vols open their 77th season at Neyland Stadium on Sept. 19 against SEC rival Florida, but not before the Big Orange travel to Syracuse to take on the Orangemen. What will this season hold?

Those questions have yet to be answered and it is anyone's guess as to what will happen. But make no mistake about it, the Vols will be ready to play on Sept. 5, and there will be a talented group of young men who will don the Orange and White this season.

New leadership must be found as well as a new signal caller taking the reigns, while new pass rushers and run stoppers seek to embed their names into the books of Tennessee history.

Before this season kicks off we would like you to have a few bits of information from which you can form your own opinions about this year's squad. It should be another big year in Tennessee land and the hopes and aspirations are there that the Vols will defend their 1997 SEC Championship with a shot at playing for the national crown in Tempe, Ariz., come Jan. 4, 1999.

11 wins; 4th in the 1990s

The Volunteers' 11-2 record last season marked the fourth time in the last five seasons that UT posted at least 10 victories. With that, Tennessee is tied with Penn State as the fourth winningest team in the 1990s with a 77-19-2 record and a .796 winning percentage.

Here is a look at the top 10 winningest programs in the 1990s.

1. Nebraska	87-11-1	.894
2. Florida State	86-11-1	.883
3. Florida	83-16-1	.835
4t. Tennessee	77-19-2	.796
4t. Penn State	78-20	.796
6. Marshall	89-24	.788
7. Miami	74-20	.787
8. Texas A&M	75-21-2	.776
9. Colorado	72-20-4	.771
10. Michigan	73-21-3	.768

Vols in Season Openers

Tennessee has a 73-22-6 (.750) mark in season openers dating back to 1891. In the 1990s, UT is 6-1-1 in season openers and 9-2-2 over the past 13 years, including three straight wins.

UT last opened on the road in 1994 with a 25-23 loss to UCLA in Pasadena. In fact, the Vols have only opened the season away from Knoxville 22 times, compiling an 11-9-2 mark. They are 2-3-1 since 1981 in openers away from home.

Under head coach Phillip Fulmer, the Vols are 5-1 in lidlifters.

Vols on the Airwaves

Four of Tennessee's first six games are scheduled to be shown on either national or regional television.

ESPN will nationally broadcast the season-opener against Syracuse at noon on Sept. 5.

CBS has the rights to three games, including a national broadcast of the Florida game in Knoxville on Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. They will also carry both the Georgia (10/10) and Alabama (10/24) games at 3:30 p.m. in regional broadcasts.

Two pay-per-view times have also been set with the Houston (9/26) game and the Homecoming game against Alabama-Birmingham (11/7) set for broadcast by VideoSeat productions. Game times are 7 p.m. and 4 p.m. respectively.

Head Coach Philip Fulmer

Entering his sixth season at the helm of the University of Tennessee football program is Phillip Fulmer (Tennessee, '72). He has recorded a 54-11 (.831) career record to rank first nationally among active head coaches. Prior to being named interim head coach at the start of the 1992 season and then accepting the full time duties after the season, Fulmer had served as an assistant coach at UT since 1980. Fulmer's association with the University of Tennessee extends back to his playing days when he was an offensive guard. When Fulmer was on the offensive line (1969-71) the Vols posted a 30-5 record and captured the 1969 SEC Championship. Here's a look at the winningest active coaches.

1. Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	.831
2. Joe Paterno, Penn State	.792
3. Steve Spurrier, Florida	.776
4. Bobby Bowden, Florida State	.769
5. R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M	.764

Vols Win 12th SEC Title and Get Win No. 11

With a 30-29 victory over Auburn in the SEC Championship game, Tennessee won its 12th Southeastern Conference title and its first since 1990.

The Volunteers also won their first SEC Eastern Division title with a 17-10 victory over Vanderbilt in the season finale.

Additionally, the Vols reached the 11-win total for the sixth time. Tennessee's five previous 11-win seasons came in 1938, 1950, 1970, 1989 and 1995.

1997 SEC Championship Game

Tennessee won its 12th Southeastern Conference title and third in the last 10 years in one of the great comebacks of last season. Twice, the Vols trailed the Auburn Tigers by 10 points, only to pull out a 30-29 win.

The defense stiffened in the second half, holding the Tigers to 73 yards total offense and an SEC Championship record minus-15 yards rushing for the game.

In fact, Tennessee set 10 offensive SEC Championship game records, in addition to holding Auburn to championship game lows in first downs, rushing attempts and rushing yards.

Lewis Joins Freshmen Elite

True freshman running back Jamal Lewis finished his impressive season with four straight 100-yard rushing games, capped with an SEC Championship Game record 127 yards against Auburn.

Lewis finished the season with the sixth highest rushing total by a freshman in NCAA history. His total of 1364 yards, which led all SEC backs, ranked second behind Georgia's Herschel Walker's SEC freshman record of 1616 yards. It was also the second highest rushing total in UT history, behind Jay Graham's 1438 yards in 1995.

Lewis completed the season with seven 100-yards rushing games, including two 200-yards efforts against Georgia (232) and South Carolina (205).

Lewis Found Groove

Running back Jamal Lewis led all freshman rushers in the nation and rushed for 100-yards in seven of his nine starts on the season. He shouldered nearly the entire rushing load with 67 carries for 323 yards in the final two games.

Over the last four games, Lewis rushed 115 times for 575 yards (143.8 avg.) with four scores. He was an integral part in the passing game, hauling in 12 passes for 175 yards with two TDs in the same span.

Since starting the final nine games, he averaged 144.7 yards per game, scored seven rushing TDs and averaged 6.0 yards per carry. He rushed for 1302 of UT's 1515 yards over the last nine games.

Twice he topped 200 yards and even tied the school record with four TDs (three rushing, one receiving) versus Kentucky. He is only the fourth UT back to rush for 200 yards twice in a season.

He earned SEC Player of the Week following a 232-yard effort against Georgia, a game that saw him break four runs over 30 yards and average 10.5 yards per carry.

He is the first true freshman in school history to rush for more than 1000-yards and the first Vol to ever record 100-yards rushing and receiving in the same game (128 rushing, 105 receiving vs Kentucky).

With 1364 yards rushing last season,

1999 & 2000 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

1999 SEASON

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Sept. 4	Wyoming	Knoxville
Sept. 18	Florida	Gainesville
Sept. 25	Memphis	Knoxville
Oct. 2	Auburn	Knoxville
Oct. 9	Georgia	Knoxville
Oct. 23	Alabama	Birmingham
Oct. 30	South Carolina	Knoxville
Nov. 6	Notre Dame	Knoxville
Nov. 13	Arkansas	Fayetteville
Nov. 20	Kentucky	Lexington
Nov. 27	Vanderbilt	Knoxville

2000 SEASON

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Sept. 2	Southern Miss.	Knoxville
Sept. 16	Florida	Knoxville
Sept. 23	NE Louisiana (HC)	Knoxville
Sept. 30	LSU	Baton Rouge
Oct. 7	Georgia	Athens
Oct. 21	Alabama	Knoxville
Oct. 28	South Carolina	Columbia
Nov. 4	Memphis	Memphis
Nov. 11	Arkansas	Knoxville
Nov. 18	Kentucky	Knoxville
Nov. 25	Vanderbilt	Nashville

Offensive co-ordinator David Cutcliffe has the task of helping Tee Martin direct an offense that promises to be more balanced and unpredictable.

he needs only 153 yards to enter UT's career top 20 list in career rushing yards.

Lewis needs 487 yards to enter the top 10 and 636 yards to become the eighth 2000-yard runner in UT's history.

In fact, if you doubled his freshman rushing total, he would move into third on UT's career rushing chart.

James Stewart, 1991-94, holds the career Vol rushing mark of 2890.

Wilson to Lead Defense

Despite being hampered by an ankle injury late last season, Vol linebacker Al Wilson was one of the dominant forces on UT's defense. The Vols' third leading tackler made at least six tackles in eight games, including two 12 tackle games versus Ole Miss and Georgia.

Junior quarterback Tee Martin has spent the last two seasons learning from one of college football's best quarterbacks, and now he is ready to take the reigns of the Vol offense.

Wilson led the team with seven tackles for loss, while making five sacks. He made a season-high three tackles for loss against UCLA. Wilson also registered a sack and a TFL in three straight games against Florida, Ole Miss and Georgia.

A Perfect Price

Wide receiver Peerless Price tied his career high with 161 yards receiving and two TDs against Auburn in the SEC Championship game. He set a career-high with eight receptions versus the Tigers. It was the fourth 100-yard game of his career.

He made at least three catches in the last 11 games and at least 40 yards receiving in last nine games. Over the last seven games he had 31 receptions for 501 yards (16.2 yards per catch).

Preseason All-SEC Teams

Four Vols, LB Al Wilson, RB Jamal Lewis, WR Peerless Price and PK Jeff Hall, were named to the preseason All-SEC team at the SEC Football Media Days in Birmingham, Ala., July 30.

Here's a look at how the Vols fared in various preseason publications.

Athlon RB Jamal Lewis, LB Al Wilson, K Jeff Hall

The Sporting News WR Jeremaine Copeland, RB Jamal Lewis, LB Al Wilson, K Jeff Hall

Second-Team DT Billy Ratliff, CB Dwayne Goodrich

Street & Smith's RB Jamal Lewis, WR Peerless Price, K Jeff Hall, LB Al Wilson

Lindy's RB Jamal Lewis, WR Peerless Price, OL Chad Clifton, K Jeff Hall, LB Al Wilson

Second-Team WR Jeremaine Copeland, LB Raynoch Thompson, DB Dwayne Goodrich

Football News -- RB Jamal Lewis, K Jeff Hall, LB Al Wilson

Preseason All-Americas

Athlon Third-Team RB Jamal Lewis

The Sporting News RB Jamal Lewis, WR Jeremaine Copeland, DB Dwayne Goodrich, LB Al Wilson

Street & Smith's Honorable Mention -- RB Jamal Lewis, WR Peerless Price, LB Al Wilson

Lindy's Honorable Mention -- RB Jamal Lewis, WR Peerless Price, OT Chad Clifton, LB Al Wilson, LB Raynoch Thompson, CB Dwayne Goodrich, K Jeff

Hall

Vols in the Preseason Rankings

Tennessee is once again ranked in the top 25 of numerous national publications.

	Natl.	SEC
CBS Sportsline	6th	--
Athlon	11th	2nd East
Sporting News	11th	2nd East
Street & Smith's	12th	2nd East
Lindy's	12th	2nd East
USA Today	10th	--
Football News	15th	--
Blitz	11th	--
SEC Media Days	--	2nd East

Award Candidates

Sophomore running back Jamal Lewis is a candidate for the Doak Walker Award, given annually to the top running back in the nation.

Senior placekicker Jeff Hall is also a candidate for the Lou Groza Award, given to the nation's top placekicker.

Hall has scored 95 points in two of his three seasons, while connecting on 42 of 65 field goal attempts, including 16 of 22 last season for 72.7 percent. He needs 51 points to become UT's all-time leading scorer.

Outside the SEC

Tennessee has enjoyed remarkable success against non-conference opponents. Since 1989, the Vols have amassed a 33-6-1 mark in games against foes from outside the SEC during the past nine years, and have not dropped a non-conference home decision since a 34-29 loss to No. 1 ranked Notre Dame in 1990. UT has won 16 straight non-conference games at home.

Neyland Stadium Among Nation's Toughest

Sport Magazine surveyed 11 prominent college football coaches and ranked the top 10 toughest stadiums in the nation. In the poll, Tennessee's Neyland Stadium ranked as the fifth toughest stadium.

Freshmen by the Numbers

Here's a look at the numbers the incoming freshmen class will be donning.

(1) John Henderson, (3) Willie Miles, (9) Steven Marsh, (13) Tad Golden, (15) Seth Reagan, (19) Shawn Seabrooks, (26) Leonard Scott, (48) Teddy Gaines, (50) Keyon Whiteside, (56) Bernard Jackson, (57) Travis Colston, (59) Judd Granzow, (63) Todd Richardson, (64) Steven Whitehead, (65) Ryan Rowe, (76) Will Ofenheusle, (78) Tim Hodges, (79) Reggie Ridley, (81) Edward Kendrick, (85) Donte' Stallworth, (90) Will Overstreet and (91) Omari Hand.

1997 TENNESSEE STATISTICS

Team Statistics	TENN	OPP
First Downs	**300**	**208**
Rushing	105	72
Passing	177	117
Penalty	18	19
Rushing Attempts	398	382
Yards Gained	2052	1629
Yards Lost	239	510
Net Yards Rushing	**1813**	**1119**
Avg. Per Game	151.1	93.3
Longest Rush	65	74
Net Yards Passing	**3981**	**2898**
Passes Attempted	492	418
Passes Completed	296	229
Percent Completed	60.2	54.8
Had Intercepted	12	13
Avg. Per Game	331.8	241.5
Longest Pass	73	87
Total Offensive Plays	890	800
Total Net Yards	**5794**	**4017**
Avg. Per Game	482.8	334.8
Turnovers	**31**	**24**
Fumbles-Lost	33/19	31/11
Interceptions By	13	12
Int. Return Yards	110	308
Longest Int. Return	57	89
Penalties	**87**	**87**
Yards Penalized	688	694
3rd Down Conversions	**77/169**	**48/173**
Percentage	45.6	27.7
4th Down Conversions	**6/12**	**8/18**
Percentage	50.0	44.4
Punts	**50**	**74**
Punting Yardage	1946	2894
Avg. Per Punt	38.9	39.1
Net Punt Avg.	34.2	33.9
Had Blocked	0	2
Punt Returns	**29**	**28**
Return Yardage	388	235
Avg. Per Return	13.4	8.4
Longest Punt Return	45	31
Kickoff Returns	**32**	**52**
Return Yardage	656	1059
Avg. Per Return	20.5	20.4
Longest KO Return	41	96
Avg. Time of Possession	**30:20**	**29:40**
Points Scored	**411**	**244**
Average	34.3	20.3
Touchdowns	52	26
By Rushing	13	11
By Passing	37	11
By Returns	2	4
By Fumble Return	0	0
By Blocked Field Goal	0	0
Extra Points (Kicks)	47/49	20/23
Extra Points (Pass)	1/3	1/2
Extra Points (Run)	0/0	1/1
Extra Points (Defense)	0/0	1/1
Field Goals	16/22	20/26
Safety	1	1

INDIVIDUAL SCORING (RETURNEES)

Hall 95(16/22 FG, 47/49 PAT); Copeland 56 (9 TD, 1 2pt); Lewis 54 (9 TD); Price 36 (6 TD); Bryson 12 (2 TD); C. Wilson 12 (2 TD); Edmonds 6 (1 TD); Goodrich 6 (1 TD); Team 2 (1 Safety)

SCORING BY QUARTER

Opponents	**50**	**62**	**55**	**77**	**— 244**
Tennessee	**76**	**118**	**123**	**94**	**— 411**

TOP RETURNEE STATS

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Lewis	232	1385	21	1364	7	65 SC
Bryson	36	150	4	146	2	44 USM
Crosby	12	61	1	60	0	13 UCLA
Stephens	9	40	4	36	0	14 TTU
Price	2	36	5	31	0	36 UK
Edmonds	4	12	0	12	0	9 ARK
Graham	1	11	0	11	0	11 MISS
Henry	2	5	1	4	0	5 TTU
T. Martin	8	22	26	-4	0	12 TTU
Team	1	0	22	-22	0	-

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
T. Martin	12	6	1	87	1	31 TTU
Copeland	2	2	0	65	0	43 SC
Lewis	1	1	0	10	0	10 ARK

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Copeland	58	732	9	46 SC
Price	48	698	6	52 ALA
Bryson	29	307	0	37 MISS
Lewis	23	275	2	50 UK
Edmonds	8	79	1	16 UF
C. Wilson	7	71	2	16 UF
Peebles	2	31	0	18 USM
D. Martin	1	22	0	22 UG
N. Johnson	1	11	0	11 UG

TOTAL OFFENSIVE LEADERS

	Rush	Receiving	Tot. Yds	Yds/Gm	TD
Lewis	**1364**	**275**	**1639**	**136.6**	**9**
Copeland	0	732	732	61.0	9
Price	31	698	729	60.1	6
Bryson	146	307	453	37.8	2

PUNTING

	No.	Yards.	Avg.	Long
Leaverton	8	291	36.4	71 UCLA

PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD	LP
Copeland	7	88	12.6	0	33 UF
C. Wilson	1	0	0.0	0	-

KICKOFF RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg.	TD	LP
Goodrich	13	282	21.7	0	41 UF
C. Wilson	4	88	22.0	0	31 UK

FIELD GOALS

	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+	LK
Hall	8/10	4/5	4/7	0/0	0/0	49 UK

INTERCEPTIONS

	No	Yds	TD	LP
Goodrich	4	47	1	30 USM
Thompson	1	5	0	5 UK
Griffin	1	0	0	0 UCLA
St. Johnson	1	0	0	0 UF

DEFENSIVE TOTALS

	Hits	UT	AT	CF	FC	PBU	SK	TK/Loss
A. Wilson	83	56	27	1	-	3	5	7 (-23)
Thpson	67	45	22	3	1	1	1	5 (-18)
Terry	56	37	19	1	-	2	4	6 (-18)
Goodrich	45	29	16	-	2	6	-	1 (-2)
White	43	28	15	2	2	2	1	1 (-2)
Green	31	20	11	-	-	-	1	-
Sh. John	19	15	4	-	-	3	-	-
Hayden	17	10	7	-	1	-	-	-
Ratliff	17	11	6	2	-	3	-	7 (-24)
Coleman	14	10	4	1	-	-	-	1 (-2)
Westmor.	11	8	3	1	-	-	1	1 (-7)
Grant	10	6	4	1	-	-	-	-
Lloyd	9	6	3	-	-	-	-	-
Allen	6	4	2	-	-	-	-	-
Smith	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	1 (-2)
Ramseur	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Kemp	2	2	0		-	-	-	-
Goodin	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	1 (-3)

Fulmer File...

THE OUTLOOK FOR 1998!

I'm looking forward to getting started. I'm excited about the way this team has gone about its business. That doesn't guarantee us any victories, but it does guarantee us a chance to go and play and have a chance to win. A good sign is that the leadership has consistently grown. There were no major distractions of anything happening off the field. We've got a good-looking bunch of freshmen, and I am encouraged about that.

Probably you're interested in our injury status. But to catch up: Shaun Ellis looks to be 100 percent. In testing of his hip, it's actually stronger than the other hip. Ron Green looks better than he's looked in a couple of years. But we're going to be very careful with him and Billy Ratliff.

Billy looks ready to go, but we're going to be very protective during two-a-days. Phillip Crosby has done an excellent job with his knee, but he will also be watched very closely. Shawn Johnson is 100 percent, and Toby Champion seems to be 100 percent. Fred Weary with a stress fracture is doing everything everybody else is doing, but we'll be guarded with some of the conditioning he goes through.

Reggie Coleman is 100 percent. I'm anxious to find out where Kenny Smith is. Time will tell once we get him back into the rehab and testing. Hopefully at some point from early to midseason we can look forward to having him out there and being 100 percent. We've had incredible rehab work by Coach Stucky and Mike Rollo.

We have 60 returning varsity players, 24 incoming players while still saving room for Rashad Moore. We have 21 walkons for the limit of 105. I think the 105 limit is a bad rule.

Jeremaine Copeland has worked hard to be eligible, but he must still pass a test. He will not run with the first team until that matter is settled.

It's hard to tell which freshmen will help, but it's a responsive, good-looking group. I appreciate Dominique Stevenson going from tailback to the strong linebacker position. He's very athletic with good size and ability. He can start off at second team linebacker and will be given every opportunity to make a significant contribution if not start.

Tee Martin is everything we want in an athletic quarterback. He's done a tremendous job working with others and showing leadership. He's a year farther along than he was last fall, and that's very important.

> ***"IT'S HARD TO TELL WHICH FRESHMEN WILL HELP, BUT IT'S A RESPONSIVE, GOOD-LOOKING GROUP. I APPRECIATE DOMINIQUE STEVENSON GOING FROM TAILBACK TO THE STRONG LINEBACKER POSITION. HE'S VERY ATHLETIC WITH GOOD SIZE AND ABILITY. HE CAN START OFF AT SECOND TEAM LINEBACKER AND WILL BE GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION IF NOT START."***
>
> ***— PHILLIP FULMER***

I like the depth at fullback with Crosby and Bartholomew behind Bryson...Our offensive line has a very competitive situation at center. It involves Robinson, Tucker, Riley and Champion.

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—Phillip Fulmer

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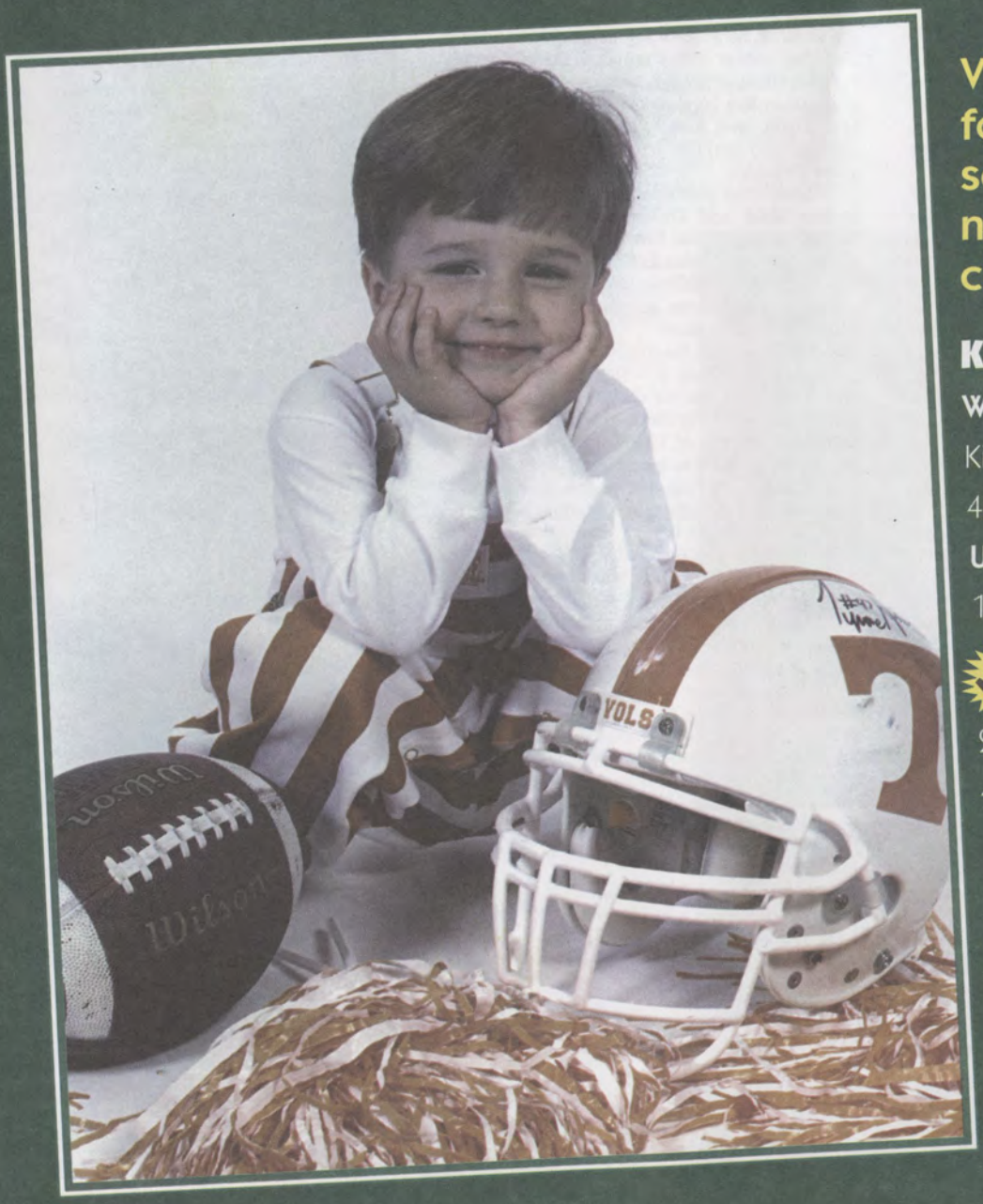

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The great Volunteer running back of the late 1920s and early '30s occupies a unique place in UT's football history. He was the first Vol player ever to make an All-America team and the first Volunteer ever selected to the College Football Hall of Fame.

He was not a big man, even by the modest standards of his era, standing about 5-foot, 10-inches and weighing in the 180s, but his legendary coach, Bob Neyland, made no secret of the fact that he regarded McEver as one of his greatest player ever. Every great football team must hitch its wagon to a star, and in the early years of Tennessee's greatness McEver was that star.

To appreciate McEver now we should know something of the times in which he played. The immortal Red Grange had just completed his awesome career at Illinois, and every college coach in the country was looking for a halfback like the Galloping Ghost. At Tennessee in the spring of 1927, Neyland, with one season behind him, knew who he wanted for that role, but could he get him?

McEver had set all sorts of rushing and scoring records at Bristol's Virginia High School, but he was by no means an easy recruiting project. The constant pressure from college recruiters frustrated him. "It finally got to where they were worrying me to death," he recalled later. So he escaped to the relative sanctuary of Wake Forest College in North Carolina.

He had been enrolled at Wake Forest for a week when Neyland dispatched his ace pitch man, end coach Bill Britton, to make one last effort. This time Britton closed the deal, and McEver followed him to Knoxville two days later. At about the same time, Neyland agents were picking two other juicy plums from off the Vanderbilt practice fields. Wingback Buddy Hackman signed up to wear the Orange, and, after a fruitless visit to Georgia Tech, so did quarterback Bobby Dodd.

And thus the celebrated "Hack, Mack and Dodd" backfield came together on the Volunteer freshman team of 1927, to later bloom into the Flaming Sophomores of 1928 and set UT football off to the road to glory.

McEver's touchdown return of the opening kickoff against heavily-favored Alabama at Tuscaloosa in '28 remains to this day the single most significant play in UT football annals. But McEver was much more than a one-day wonder. He was one of those rare players who had all three of the dimensions that constitute a great running back -- speed, power and elusiveness. In later years, after coaching as well as playing, he admitted to having no clue as to where the gift came from.

"A lot of people don't realize it, but a fellow's born to run," McEver once said. "Nobody can teach him. He can either dodge tacklers and do that dipsy-do stuff, or he can't."

McEver's campus nickname was "The Wild Bull" but he could just as easily have been called "Mr. Touchdown." In his junior season of 1929, he scored 130 points, a UT record that has never been equaled in the seven decades since. Although he played the tailback position in the Neyland single wing, quarterback Dodd used him like a fullback on short yardage and goal line situations because of his great strength.

That 1929 performance won him a place on the NEA and United Press All-America teams, a distinction no previous Tennessee player had ever gained. And again, as he had the year before, McEver led the Volunteers to a win over Alabama, scoring the only touchdown in a 6-0 triumph.

Despite his football prowess McEver regarded himself as a better baseball player, and it was his love for the American pastime that cost him dearly on the gridiron. In a baseball game in July of 1930 he tripped over the bag as he started to round first base to head for second, suffering a massive knee injury. Surgery was performed at a Memphis hospital but the great back had to sit out what would have been his senior season and his farewell tour with Dodd and Hackman. But he returned in 1931, wearing a heavy steel brace on his bad knee. Fortunately for Tennessee, a brilliant sophomore halfback from McEver's old school, Virginia High School, joined the Vols that season, Beattie Feathers. With McEver sometimes moving up to the fullback position, the two great Vol backs led Tennessee to a 9-0-1 season and a victorious trip to New York's Charity Bowl game against New York University (UT 13 , NYU 0). McEver had lost the "shake" that had made him a terror in the broken field, but the fire still burned in his belly.

In his three varsity seasons at UT, McEver never played in a losing game. But ironically all three of those campaigns were spoiled by ties with Kentucky. The Volunteers were 27-0-3 during his career.

Former Vol

Conrad Graham (1970-72)

Conrad Graham came to the University of Tennessee in the recruiting class of 1968-69 and was a three-year starter at cornerback from 1970-72.

Graham had 15 interceptions as a Vol, good for 293 yards and three TDs. He is tied for third on the Vols' all-time list. He had seven for 72 yards and one score in his senior season of 1972. He led the team in interceptions in both 1971 and 1972. He was an All-America selection in 1972.

Graham was also part of one of the biggest plays in Tennessee football history in 1971 when he snagged an errant pitch by Penn State's John Hufnagel, returning the bobble 76 yards for the first score in a 31-11 Vol victory.

T-Club records indicate that Graham lives in native Winston-Salem, N.C.

Conrad Graham was a part of ball-hawking Vol secondaries from 1970-72 and had three interceptions for scores.

Summer Happenings

Since the beginning of the summer a lot has happened on the campus of the University of Tennessee, more so in the Athletic Department.

In a nutshell we are going to try to catch you up on everything that has occurred over the last three months.

The University of Tennessee was one of 24 schools recognized by the American Football Coaches Association, receiving honorable mention for having a graduation rate of better than 70 percent of its football players.

The survey was taken from 79 participating schools and involved the freshmen class from the academic year of 1992-93 who received athletically-related financial aid as a member of the institution's football squad. Of those student-athletes at the University of Tennessee who complete four years of eligibility, 74 percent have graduated and another seven percent are currently enrolled and working toward a degree.

Elsewhere, Men's Athletic Director Doug Dickey will receive the Toner Award from The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame this upcoming December in New York at their annual banquet.

Also, Tennessee swept the SEC Athlete of the Year awards as Peyton Manning and the three-time All-America Chamique Holdsclaw claimed the honors for Tennessee.

It marked only the second time in the league history that the SEC Male and Female Athlete of the Year hailed from the same school in the same year. The last occurrence came after the 1987-88 year when Alabama's Cornelius Bennett and Lillie Leatherwood-King swept the awards.

"Both Peyton and Chamique have competed at the highest level and brought much success to their university and the Southeastern Conference," SEC Commissioner Roy Kramer said. "They exemplify the best of what the SEC student-athlete can achieve. We congratulate them on their efforts."

Elsewhere, the University of Tennessee baseball team began a search for replacing pitching coach Mike Maack who left the Vols to accept the head coaching position at Tennessee Tech in late July.

"It's unfortunate to lose such a good pitching coach in Mike Maack," said head coach Rod Delmonico. He has been a great influence to the program over the past two seasons and has been great at working with our young pitchers. We wish him the best in his new venture and the future. He has a great pitching philosophy and his departure will be a loss to the Tennessee baseball program."

Knoxville Hosts Summit

The University of Tennessee in conjunction with the FBI (Knoxville division), the NCAA and the Pilot Corporation hosted the 1998 Gambling Summit at the Knoxville Hilton Hotel.

The Summit addressed some of the issue of legal and illegal gambling on college athletics and the impact is has on the university community as a whole.

More than 200 people attended the conference which was highlighted by the stories of two young men caught up in the point-shaving case at Northwestern University.

It should be noted to everyone interested in a college athletic career, that gambling by college athletes is against the NCAA rules and can lead to loss of eligibility, expulsion from a university, heavy fines, a jail term, and can get their university's sports program placed on probation.

Staff Additions

This summer was also a busy month within the confines of the Sports Information Office, as our new graduate and undergraduate students are Matt Dortch (graduate assistant and Track & Field contact) Rob Reynolds and Elizabeth Hazelhurst (Golf contact).

While we are pleased to have our new students join our staff, we are also sad to have one leave the group. Jennifer Koshlap (formerly Wilson), our undergraduate secretary for the Sports Information Office graduated in August.

Hayden Withdraws

Vol football player Jerrod Hayden has withdrawn from school for personal reasons head coach Fulmer announced. Hayden, a sophomore linebacker from Louisville, Ky., saw action in eight games and registered 17 tackles in 1997 as a freshman.

Butkus Award Watch

Senior Al Wilson and Junior Raynoch Thompson have made the watch list for the 1998 Butkus Award given to the nation's most outstanding linebacker. They are among 68 candidates for the award in which 10 semi-finalists will be chosen Oct. 15. The winner will be announced Dec. 11 at Universal Studios in Florida. Last year's winner was Ohio State's Andy Katzenmoyer.

Frye Fares Well Internationally

Sophomore-to-be Russell Frye ran the 200-meter dash in 20.94 to take third place at the World Junior Championships in Annecy, France in late July. He also anchored the United States the 4X100 relay team which placed second.

He bested the Tennessee freshmen record by winning a qualifying heat in 20.79. This topped the previous mark of 20.84.

This meet caps off a season in which the Providence, R.I. native took third in the 200 meters at the SEC Indoor Championships and fifth in the same event at the league's outdoor championships.

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This Week In Big Orange Country

Men's Cross Country Preview

Tennessee Cross Country coach George Watts begins his fourth season this year and is expecting some good things from his squad. While last year's team was young and inexperienced, the '98 group is older and more mature, something that Watts believes will help tremendously.

"With the addition of four juniors to this year's squad, we have a more experienced team that gives us expectations of a high conference finish and NCAA qualifiers," Watts said.

Expectations may be met if team captain and All-SEC performer Doug Ellington continues to perform at a national caliber level. Add Appalachian State transfer Anthony Famiglietti and the foundation is set for a solid year.

"Those two should compete for All-SEC and All-America honors this fall," Watts said.

The team opens the year at the West Carolina Invitational on Sept. 12, hosts the UT Invitational at Lambert Acres Golf Club in Maryville on Sept. 18 and travels to Birmingham for the Birmingham Invitational on Sept. 26.

Trips to Lawrence, Kan., on Oct. 10 for the Pre-National Cross Country Invitational and Nashville on Oct. 17, for the Tennessee Intercollegiates prepare the Vols for their biggest meet of the year on Oct. 31.

That is when the Vols will host the SEC Championships at Lambert Acres. Watts said his team is excited not only to host the event, but also to make a strong showing.

The District IX Championship is Nov. 14 in Birmingham and the NCAA Championship is scheduled for Nov. 23 in Lawrence, Kan.

While Watts is relying upon the leadership of Ellington and Famiglietti, he is looking for a contribution from a number of other runners. Junior Joe Dickson returns and junior transfers Corey Whalen, Jon Jamison and Brad Leach are expected to perform well. Underclassmen Chris Hendrix-Buxton, Jesse Bacigalupi and Brack Salyers return after gaining experience on last year's team.

— Matt Dortch

Senior Doug Ellington leads the Vol harriers into the fall as the top runner for the Vols.

Maureen Ferris will provide leadership and experience to this year's squad.

Women's Harrier Preview

After a sixth place conference finish in 1997, the outlook for this season looks promising. Head coach Brenda Webb returns for her third year at the helm and welcomes three newcomers to join seven letter winners.

Leading the charge this year will be co-captains junior Kristen Ritter and senior Maureen Ferris. Ritter is coming off a 1997 season in which she lead the Lady Vols in every race throughout the fall. She set a personal best in the SEC Championships with a time of 18:10.5, and also earned All-District honors by placing 21st in a field of 177 runners at the NCAA District IX Championships. Ferris returns to competition after being sidelined by injury in 1997.

Senior Dorothy Denko returns for her second season as a Lady Vol after transferring from UT-Martin. Denko competed in six of seven races a year ago and was one of the team's most consistent performers. An outstanding cast of juniors in Amy Bartosik, Meghan Mantlo and Mindy Watkins will also play a vital role for the Lady Vols.

Returning for her third season, Bartosik is coming off a campaign in which she competed in all seven races and registered her best finish of the year in the Georgia State meet with a time of 19:23.

Mantlo returns poised to make a great contribution to the Tennessee team effort after a '97 season in which she had her best finish at the Southern Illinois meet with a time of 18:43.

Watkins competed in all seven events for UT and saved her best finish for the final race of the year, as she clocked a time of 18:40 at the District IX event. Joining the junior class is newcomer Angie Pothier. Returning for her second season is Katherine Green and joining Green in the sophomore class is newcomer Lauren Bogaty. Rounding out the Tennessee roster is freshman Sharon Dickie.

The season begins Sept. 5 at the Western Carolina Invitational. The Lady Vols will then host their own invitational on Sept. 18, giving schools a preview of the SEC Championships course. After competing in the Southern Illinois and Clemson Invitationals, the Lady Vols will host the SEC Championships on Halloween. The NCAA District Championships are Nov. 14 and the NCAA Championships are Nov. 23

— John Hines

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The University of Tennessee athletic department would like to extend a special thank you to Jim Haslam for providing the catering for the 1998 NCAA Gambling Summit conference held in Knoxville on Aug. 5-6.

Football Tickets and Parking

1998 football season tickets were shipped via United Parcel Service from Fort Smith, Ark., on Aug. 17. Additional home tickets and away game tickets were mailed via first class mail from Knoxville on Aug. 7. 1998 football season parking passes were mailed via certified mail on Aug. 20. Enjoy this upcoming season and our coverage of all the Big Orange sports each issue.

Football Home Parking and Traffic Flow Information

The VASF office would like to take a moment to remind all Vol fans traveling to the home games of a few traffic and parking changes for this season. Due to continued road construction, Neyland Drive will be reduced to one-lane traffic each direction from the James White Parkway to Lake Loudon Boulevard. There is also no football gameday parking allowed on Neyland Drive.

For those Vol fans coming in from out of town, recreational vehicle parking will be on the Agricultural campus beginning at 6 p.m. the Friday night before home football games. There is no recreational vehicle parking allowed on Volunteer Boulevard nor Neyland Drive.

The Memphis Big Orange Club and the Shelby County National Alumni Association Chapter Invite You

These two clubs would like to invite all Memphis-area Volunteer fans to come to John Ward Night on Tuesday, Aug. 25. The celebration will be held at the Memphis Marriott (located at 2625 Thousand Oaks Blvd.) and will begin at 6 p.m. CDT. A cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres will be available. Come be a part of the festivities as these groups celebrate John Ward's upcoming 34th and final year as the "Voice of the Vols." Contact Mike O'Brien at (901) 753-2921 for advance ticket information.

UTNAA Pre-Game Reception for the Syracuse Game

The UT National Alumni Association's first pre-game away game reception is slated to be held at the Syracuse University Center, starting at 9 a.m. on Sept. 5.

The event will last until the noon lidlifter for the Volunteers' 1998 season. Contact Lofton Stuart in the Alumni Affairs office at (423) 974-3011 for more information.

Knoxville Quarterback Club Kicks Off 1998

The first Knoxville Quarterback Club meeting will be on Sept. 14 at Calhoun's on the River at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Ron Franklin, commentator for ESPN. Contact Jamie Hagood at (423) 525-7313 for more information and how to join.

Peyton Manning and Jeff Pickler named edsouth Athlete and Scholar Athlete of the Year

The University of Tennessee would like to congratulate Peyton Manning and Jeff Pickler for being named edsouth's Athlete and Scholar Athlete of the Year for 1997.

Two University of Tennessee athletes were selected each month during the 1997-98 academic year (one for each award) for their performances in the classrooms and on the fields. UT will continue to honor the annual winners as plans for a monument listing each year's winners have been approved.

The monument will be placed outside the new academic center on the corner of Volunteer Boulevard and Pat Head Summitt street after the academic center opens in the spring of 2000.

1998-99 Basketball Season Tickets and Monster Packages are Now Available

Don't miss your chance to come be a part of second-year head coach Jerry Green's "Monster Season." Renewal forms and new full season ticket applications as well as parking pass applications have been mailed to all VASF donors. Tickets are just $196 for all 17 home games (15 regular season games and two exhibitions). If you cannot make all 17 home games, the Monster Packs are a great alternative.

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Midnight Madness Approaches

On Friday, Oct. 16, starting at 10 p.m., both the Vols and Lady Vols basketball teams will begin their practice seasons with midnight madness. NCAA regulations prohibit practice prior to Saturday, Oct. 17, but at the stroke of midnight, it will officially be "Basketball Time in Tennessee." While waiting for midnight to arrive, there will be numerous contests and prizes awarded.

More information will be forthcoming in later issues of this magazine, but mark your calendars now to attend the official tip off of the 1998-99 basketball "Monster Season" for the Volunteers.

— Steve Sams

While watching the recent 1998 Hall of Fame preseason football game between the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Pittsburgh Steelers, one of the many "filler" topics between the commentators was the subject of speed. Al Michaels noted it was interesting how both of the head coaches stressed the importance of developing and increasing team speed and overall quickness. This concern is not only felt at the professional level but also at the collegiate level, and it is not only in football where one sees the quest for the acquisition of speed but in all types of sports.

Nowadays some coaches toss such sayings such as "Speed Kills," and "there's no substitute for speed." Today's culture is wrapped up in the idea of being fast, quick or elusive, from film titles to musical groups and commercials. To coincide with this concern, members of the University of Tennessee strength staff are always looking for ways to become more efficient in the development of speed.

In our opinion two of the premier speed development coaches in the nation are Myrtle Ferguson and Vince Anderson. Both happen to work for the University. Ferguson is the women's track head coach and Anderson is the men's track sprint coach.

Both Ferguson and Anderson have been major forces in keeping our strength staff on the cutting edge of speed training and development. These resources, when combined with Tennessee's explosive weight training program, help to train the Volunteers to compete with the top athletes anywhere in the world.

At the University of Tennessee, we start each day's training session with a sport-specific speed program combined with a stretching routine. As the week progresses, focus shifts to other aspects of speed mechanics. By the end of the week, each facet of the development of speed has been covered to create faster athletes.

It is important that an athlete regularly reach his top speed because the coach of the athlete's sport will expect that top speed on demand. It is imperative the athlete be able to extend himself to that top level of performance without hesitation.

Often times, one reads about college seniors (or juniors who skip their senior years) who are entering the professional ranks hiring professional speed coaches to help them increase their top speeds. Many may question why an athlete needs to leave the collegiate athletic program to increase speed. How can an athlete increase his speed after going to these highly paid professional speed gurus?

A simple answer to these questions can be summed up by the term "focused learning." As an athlete moves toward the professional ranks he can now focus on speed acquisition. While as a student the athlete must focus on his academic courses, his individual sport and the distractions of everyday college life.

After the athlete's college career comes to an end, the athlete can now intensify his focus on specific skills that will make him more attractive to professional scouts.

With the groundwork of strength, explosive power and speed mechanics having already been placed by an athlete's collegiate strength staff, the professional speed coach needs only to make minor variations, to produce some improvements with each individual client.

S&C Spotlight Athlete

This week's spotlight athlete is senior football co-captain Shawn Bryson. He came to the University of Tennessee from Franklin, N.C.

After starting every game of the 1997 SEC Championship season at fullback, he entered into 1998 summer training with great focus and intensity. Bryson's 6-foot 1-inch 235-pound frame bench presses more than 400 pounds, power cleans 350 pounds, and squats more than 500 pounds while running the 40-yard dash in less than 4.4 seconds.

We are sure that his exemplary leadership in the off-season will also be carried out onto the football field during the upcoming 1998 football season as Bryson and the rest of the Volunteers defend their SEC title.

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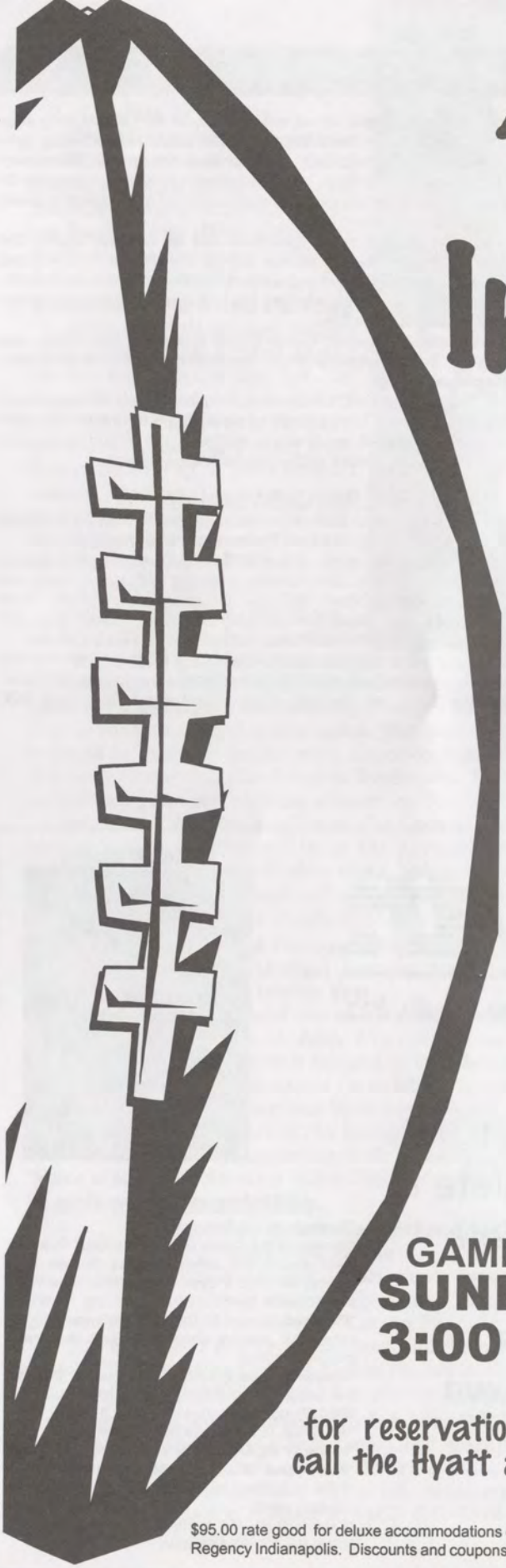

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Each showcase features a distinguished member of the UT-Knoxville faculty talking and answering questions about an interesting topic. The sessions last about 30 minutes.

The Pre-Game Faculty Showcase is scheduled throughout the football season prior to all home games.

Guests are invited to bring sandwiches. Beverages and desserts will be provided. No reservations are required.

Pre-Game Faculty Showcase, a service of the College of Arts and Sciences, is scheduled for home games throughout the football season. Other sponsors include the Office of Alumni Affairs, Athletics Department, and UT National Alumni Association.

Pre-Game Faculty Showcase
(Always two hours before kickoff)

Sept. 19 Florida "Tourism, Gambling and the Modern Identity," history professor Dr. John Finger, 225-227, University Center.

Sept. 26 Houston "Bats Aloft: Agricultural and Economic Impact," ecology professor Dr. Gary McCracken, Shiloh Room, University Center.

Oct. 24 Alabama "The Global Positioning System; Explanation and Demonstration," geography professor Dr. Ken Orvis, Shiloh Room, University Center.

Nov. 7 Ala.-Birmingham. "Reconstructing Faces on Victims of Crime," Forensic Anthropology at UT-Knoxville, biological anthropologist Dr. Murray Marks, Shiloh Room, University Center.

Nov. 14 Arkansas "Politics and Religion in the U.S.," political science professor Dr. Patricia Freeland, Shiloh Room, University Center.

Nov. 21 Kentucky "How To Get Heat Without Fire: A Reading of Poems for the Holidays," professor of creative writing Dr. Marilyn Kallet, Shiloh Room, University Center.

Dr. John Finger

Game 1
Sept. 19, 1998
Tennessee vs. Florida

Dr. John Finger
UT History Professor

The showcase speaker for the season opener with Florida is Dr. John Finger, professor and head of the Department of History. His presentation will be in rooms 225-227, although the Shiloh Room will be used for all other showcases.

Finger will be talking about "Tourism, Gambling and the Modern American Identity."

Guests are invited to bring sandwiches. Beverages and desserts will be provided. No reservations are required.

Faculty Showcase is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, the Athletics Department, the Department of Alumni Affairs, and the UT National Alumni Association.

Finger has written two books on the Eastern Band of the Cherokees. His other academic interests include the "New West" and "Sports and American Society."

Game 2
Sept. 26, 1998
Tennessee vs. Houston

Dr. Gary McCracken
UT Ecology Professor

Dr. Gary McCracken

Fans planning to arrive early for the Vols' game with Houston are invited to attend a free, 30-minute Pre-Game Faculty Showcase.

UT-Knoxville ecology professor Dr. Gary McCracken will explain at the showcase why bats are an important first line of defense against agricultural insect pests.

Showcase organizer, Dr. Lynn Champion, said McCracken's presentation will begin in the Shiloh Room, University Center, two hours before kickoff.

A graduate of Notre Dame and Cornell University, McCracken will talk about using balloons to monitor bats feeding on insects in the skies over Texas.

Game 3
Oct. 24, 1998
Tennessee vs. Alabama

Dr. Ken Orvis
UT Geography Professor

Dr. Ken Orvis

UT-Knoxville geography professor Dr. Ken Orvis will be the speaker for the Pre-Game Faculty Showcase when Tennessee meets Alabama in Neyland Stadium.

Orvis, who will be talking about and demonstrating use of the Global Positioning System, begins his presentation two hours before kickoff in the Shiloh Room, University Center.

Using GPS, just about anyone can use a small handheld electronics device to determine his or her position almost anywhere on earth.

Dr. Murray Marks

Game 4
Nov. 7, 1998
Tennessee vs. UAB

Dr. Murray Marks
UT Anthropologist

Fans arriving early for the Tennessee vs. Alabama-Birmingham game are invited to attend the Pre-Game Faculty Showcase with Dr. Murray Marks, a biological anthropologist at UT-Knoxville.

Marks, who will be talking about using facial reconstruction to identify victims of crime, begins his presentation two hours before kickoff in the Shiloh Room, University Center.

Marks has been a lecturer and field archeologist at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, Va.

Dr. Patricia Freeland

Game 5
Nov. 14, 1998
Tennessee vs. Arkansas

Dr. Patricia Freeland
UT Political Scientist

The Pre-Game Faculty Showcase for the Tennessee vs. Arkansas game will feature Dr. Patricia Freeland, professor and head of the department of political science at UT-Knoxville.

Fans are invited to hear Freeland talk about politics and religion in the United States, starting two hours before kickoff in the Shiloh Room, University Center.

Freeland's teaching and research interests include legislative process and behavior and organizational theory in public administration.

Dr. Marilyn Kallet

Game 6
Nov. 21, 1998
Tennessee vs. Kentucky

Dr. Marilyn Kallet
UT Professor of Creative Writing

The fall series of Pre-Game Faculty Showcase concludes with creative writing professor Dr. Marilyn Kallet presenting "How to Get Heat Without Fire: A Reading of Poems for the Holidays."

Kallet's poetry reading will be in the Shiloh Room, University Center, two hours before kickoff for the Kentucky game.

Kallet's publications include three books of poems: "How to Get Heat Without Fire," New Messenger/New Millennium Writings; "In the Great Night," Ithaca House; and "Devils Live So Near," Ithaca House.

As has been the case each season, Volunteers Magazine is proud to be a part of the Pre-Game Showcase, and we encourage everyone to make plans to attend at least one of the events before Tennessee kicks off that day. As mentioned previously, the 30-minute seminar is free and open to the public, and will be held at the Shiloh Room at the University Center two hours before kickoff.

If you have any questions about the seminars, please contact Lynn Champion at the College of Arts and Sciences at (423) 974-4483.

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As the 1997-98 school season came to a close, so did the career of a very fortunate student-athlete. As we focus on the lives of those who have given so much to the University, we thought we would take you up close and personal with one senior who made her marks in the record books.

When Laurie Milligan walks off of the campus for the final time, the experiences and memories will have molded her personality and character to help her succeed in life.

Talking with Laurie Milligan it is obvious that she has gotten the most out of her experiences at Tennessee.

After all, she graduated from the University at the end of the summer term, and she has aspirations of working for a Fortune 500 company. When she leaves this campus she will take with her a degree, friendships, memories, and three NCAA Championship rings in four trips to the NCAA Championship game, a feat that has never been done before in Division I, (male or female). That is a pretty hefty club to start. There can only be one first, everyone else is just trying to tie that mark.

There is a possibility that some of her teammates can be the first female athletes to appear and win four consecutive NCAA national championships, but for now she stands alone in the NCAA record books.

Not bad for someone who has come 3000 miles to play for one of the most respected women's basketball coaches in the country.

Laurie was found by Holly Warlick at an AAU basketball tournament in Amarillo, Texas. She said that Coach Warlick found her by accident.

"She was watching some other point guard, and she had no clue who I was," said Laurie. "She was watching that point guard in the same gym that I was playing in and she got bored of that game and so she came to our gym and started watching us play.

"And she saw me and was like 'I got to get on the phone with Pat (Summitt). You know we have found our point guard.' She did not see me play a whole lot but she saw my attitude and saw the fact that I was very intense and saw that I exemplified the positive point guard that she wanted. I loved to pass and I could also drive. I wasn't too flashy, but I was pretty consistent for the most part. But I was real positive of my teammates and they really liked that. They could tell from my demeanor and action that I was the point guard they wanted.

Milligan placed her name in the NCAA record books as the first basketball player, male or female, to play in four straight NCAA Final Fours.

"I wanted to go to Tennessee because I wanted to play for Pat Summitt. I wanted her discipline. I wanted to challenge myself. I wasn't about to go somewhere where I wasn't going to be challenged to become the best person I could be. If I didn't have the discipline I don't think I would be here. Not saying I would be some wild child off the streets, but I wouldn't be as focused and as determined as I am today."

Laurie has come through a lot in her four years here at Tennessee. She has had to learn how to be independent and self-motivated. Something she said was an adjustment for her. But the experience was well worth the trip.

She had to learn how to manage her own time and fight through the bumps in the road.

One of the biggest bumps came at the beginning of last season and toward the end of the regular season. She was looking forward to opening the season sharing point guard duties with White County native Kellie Jolly, only to find that Kellie would tear her anterior cruciate ligament only days before fall workouts were to begin. It would be a miraculous three months before Kellie's return, but Laurie had to carry the burden of leading the team at the point by herself.

She fought back the tough times in the losses, as Tennessee went through a season with the most losses since 1985-86.

"As a point guard Pat does not want you to show emotion. She does not want the team to see you cry. You are the one that is supposed to be leader on the team, you are the one who is supposed to be constant and consistent and poker faced."

Then just as Kellie was returning to the lineup, Laurie suffered a severe knee injury that would virtually spell the end of her season and most likely her career.

She had knee surgery to repair cartilage damage and to repair the damage to her knee cap. Team doctor Gary Yeomans suggested after the season she not play anymore. That was devastating because Laurie had aspirations of playing professionally. But her faith and beliefs were strong and Laurie knew that there was more to life than basketball. She is determined to use her degree in a career in marketing.

But she still had this season. She spent almost the entire season on the sideline as a student coach. Then after a brief playing stint on the West Coast, Laurie got to play in the final home game against LSU. She played 11 minutes and spelled Semeka Randall and Kellie, to give the team a much needed lift going into the SEC Tournament.

Laurie was told by Coach Summitt that she would dress for every game during the SEC and NCAA tournament. For Laurie, is was a chance to play with the best. A goal she had wanted to accomplish before she left.

Now she has garnered three rings and was in awe of the what had transpired. On the trip home she and the team were amazed at what was taking place.

"We got on the bus and there was like 12 cop cars and motor cycles, and a helicopter overhead. Everybody sat at the front of the bus soaking up everything that was going on. Then when we got to go to the arena and see all of those people, we were like 'Wow!' we made this much of an impact. These people really care a lot about us. And we are so proud. It was a very good and proud feeling. Just felt tingly all over, that this many people care a lot about you to put on something like this together for us and celebrate with us. And that was really neat that that many people could celebrate with us."

Laurie said in her brief moment on stage, "I am just glad that I do not have to be back for the pressure of four straight."

I don't think she meant it, after all, she had been to four straight, and she has a lot of trophies to show for her efforts.

—Donnell Field

Soccer...

A LOOK AT THE 1998 TEAM...

Entering his third year as head coach of the Tennessee women's soccer team, Charlie MacCabe is poised to lead the Orange and White to even greater heights. After guiding the program to its first winning season, an 11-8 mark in only their second year, the Lady Vols are prepared for an even better 1998.

"Obviously, expectations are higher this year than in the past. However, our overall goals remain basically the same play attractive and attacking soccer and be competitive with every team on our schedule," MacCabe said. "We are raising the bar for our players this year in terms of where we want to be at the end of the season."

With 18 letter winners and nine starters returning, MacCabe and the Lady Volunteers can boast one of the more seasoned teams in the league. Adding five newcomers to this talent pool will be an immediate boost, considering each will see valuable minutes as the year progresses.

"We can no longer claim to be an inexperienced team since the majority of our players are heading into their third season with us," MacCabe said. "At this point, I have no idea what our starting lineup on opening night will be, yet I see that as a positive situation. There will be competition at every position and this can only make us better. I am excited about our newcomers and what they can bring to our team. It is an indication of how far we have advanced with our program that we were able to attract student-athletes of this quality after only two seasons."

The squad will be relying upon junior Shayna Teutsch for scoring, and Laura Lauter is looking to continue her scoring prowess after registering 20 points on eight goals and four assists as a rookie last season. Allison Campbell will join freshmen teammates, Jennifer Laughridge and Tara Minnax, as newcomers who should make an impact on this years team. Junior Melissa Covington is aiming to regain the form she exhibited as a freshman and add some scoring punch for the Lady Vols.

Tennessee appears to be formidable up the middle with the return of All-SEC performer Kendyl Michner and Kelly Berrall, one of the stronger midfield combinations in the league. Michner gained valuable experience over the summer playing in several tournaments with the Mexican National Team as it attempted to qualify for next year's World Cup. Whitney Rayburn has returned to form after a serious injury last fall which reduced her effectiveness. Sophomore Rachael Newkirk had an outstanding spring and should challenge for a starting position after seeing action in 15 matches as a rookie.

Sharon Kelly was UT's most improved player last year. The senior started 18 of her squad's 19 matches and should see considerable time on the pitch. Junior Brooke Sweeney also returns to full strength after a series of stress fractures that limited her effectiveness in '97.

With all six players returning on defense, Tennessee will be strong in the back. The sophomore duo of Tori Beeler and Lisa Tipton made steady progress during their respective first seasons. Regarded as the Lady Vols' finest all-around competitor, Kassie Kees hopes to make her final season a memorable one. As the lone athlete to have started every contest in the history of the program, she reached new heights in 1997 by earning second-team All-SEC honors and a spot on Soccer Buzz's second-team All-Central list.

As part of a trio of student-athletes who has witnessed the growth of the Lady Vol soccer program from its infancy, Natalie Balash aims to leave her own stamp on the Big Orange. A standout in the classroom as well, the senior from Plano, Texas, will serve as a co-captain with Kees. She started 17 matches in the back last season. For the first time, Tennessee will enter the campaign with three goalkeepers on its roster, but only one has seen action in a college game. Although junior Sarah Shivley is the incumbent between the pipes, the freshman duo of Ellen Dean and Kim Sgarlata will challenge for minutes.

Not only will the Lady Vols face the rigorous grind of the eight-game Southeastern Conference slate, UT will encounter such top-notch competition as No. 1 North Carolina. The team's main objective is to reach the SEC Tournament in Tuscaloosa and to secure the program's first-ever NCAA berth.

"To reach the NCAA Tournament, we have to play and defeat some quality teams," MacCabe said. "Certainly, we will have the opportunity to do that this year. Playing nationally ranked teams will be an indication of how far we have come since the beginning of the program."

—John Hines

Laura Lauter and the Lady Vol soccer program look to make the NCAA Tournament in only the program's third season.

1998 LADY VOL SOCCER SCHEDULE

DAY/DATE	OPP	TIME
Fri. Aug. 28	FURMAN (scrimmage)	7:00 p.m.
Tue. Sept. 1	CHATTANOOGA	7:00 p.m.
Fri. Sept. 4	Oregon	1:00 p.m.
Mon. Sept. 7	Portland, Oregon	2:15 p.m.
Fri. Sept. 11	Florida*	7:00 p.m.
Sun. Sept. 13	South Carolina*	1:00 p.m.
Fri. Sept. 18	North Carolina-Asheville	4:00 p.m.
Sun. Sept. 20	XAVIER	2:00 p.m.
Fri. Sept. 25	ARKANSAS*	7:00 p.m.
Sun. Sept. 27	LOUISIANA STATE*	2:00 p.m.
	LADY VOL SOCCER CLASSIC	
Fri. Oct. 2	UNC vs. Vanderbilt	5:30 p.m.
	UT vs. VIRGINIA	8:00 p.m.
Sun. Oct. 4	Virginia vs. Vanderbilt	1:30 p.m.
	UT vs. UNC	4:00 p.m.
Wed. Oct. 7	Radford	7:00 p.m.
Fri. Oct. 9	East Tennessee State	4:00 p.m.
Fri. Oct. 16	VANDERBILT* 8:00 p.m.	
Sun. Oct. 18	KENTUCKY* 1:30 p.m.	
Fri. Oct. 23	Mississippi State*	4:00 p.m.
Sun. Oct. 25	GEORGIA*	2:00 p.m.
Fri. Oct. 30	Louisville (in Nashville)	6:00 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 1	Colorado Coll. (Nashville)	12:00 p.m.
Thu.-Sun. Nov. 5-8	SEC Tournament (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)	
Fri.-Sun. Nov. 13-15	NCAA First Round	Campus Sites
Fri.-Sun. Nov. 20-22	NCAA Second Round	Campus Sites
Fri.-Sun. Nov. 27-29	NCAA Quarterfinals	Campus Sites
Fri./Sun. Dec. 4/6	NCAA Final Four -Greensboro, N.C.	

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1998 Vols Cheer Squad
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1998 Dance Team
Top Row: *Sara Owen, Gretchen Richardson, Lara Lijana, Kerissa Cureton.* ***Middle Row:*** *Telisha Shaw, Allison Lacy, Chantelle Land, Elizabeth Patterson, Jeanine Burrow, Danielle Willis, Jamie Cragwell.* ***Bottom Row:*** *Christy Smith, Kathy Craig, Beth Williams, Kelly-Gwynne Mason*

1998 University of Tennessee Majorettes
Front Row: *Lori Cardwell, Artise Dunnavant, Jennifer Whitehead (Head Majorette), Mindy Fleming, Lindsey Booker.* ***Back Row:*** *Michelle Blazier, Patricia James, Sophie Kiser, Carrie DeLozier, Amber Young.*

Faces In Big Orange County

Senior **Doug Ellington**, Milpitas, Calif., is majoring in broadcasting and is the Vols top returning harrier. He claimed 10th place at the 1997 SEC Cross Country Championships, improving on his 16th place finish in 1996. His sophomore campaign also saw him place ninth out of 256 competitors at the Auburn Invitational. He was the top Vol finisher in four of five meets during the 1996 season as well. Ellington was the Vols fifth finisher at 1995 NCAA Championships and placed 16th at the Virginia Tech Invitational.

Junior **Kristen Ritter**, looks to have 1998 as a banner season as she enters her third season on the Lady Vol cross country team. A highly decorated high school athlete, Ritter made the jump to the collegiate level with a fury as she lead all lady Vol runners in 1996 finishing either first or second in all but one meet. After a 1997 season in which Ritter placed as high as 13th, but fell short of her own expectations, the former Frederick, Md., junior now turns her focus to 1998 and leading Tennessee.

Junior transfer **Anthony Famiglietti** comes to Big Orange Country from Appalachian State. He was an All-Southern Conference performer last season for the Moutianeer harriers and was the 1996 Freshman of the Year in the league. During his sophomore campaign, he also was the conference champion in the 5000 meters and the 3000 meter steeplechase. He has a career best time of 14:26 in the 5000 meters. The native of Medford, N.Y. is majoring in communications at Tennessee.

Junior **Kendyl Michner**, Germantown, became the first Lady Vol soccer player to compete on the international level this summer when she played for the Mexican National Team in World Cup qualifying. She currently holds the Lady Vol record for points (24) and goals (10) in a season. She was an All-SEC selection last season as well, as well as delivering five game-winning goals. She helped her team to state championship at Germantown H.S. and is majoring in arts & sciences.

The Last Word...

On Roy Rogers, Turning 50 and Summer 1998!

I have said in these pages previously that summer is a time to somehow reflect on the end of spring practice and to think what might happen in the season ahead.

This summer was, however, different. During that time, I have finished a book on Peyton Manning ($34+$5 postage, call 1-800-747-9287), lost my gall bladder and survived the deaths of Roy Rogers and "Buffalo Bob" Smith. I have also turned 50, with the attendant hoopla that significant event entails. Here's a look.

The hardest parts to take were hearing "Happy Trails" played on newscasts announcing that Roy Rogers was gone. If you are somewhere within one standard deviation of the age of 50, you know about Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, "Trigger," "Buttermilk," Pat Brady and the rest. You also know that Roy and Dale always rode off into the sunset singing "Happy Trails" after solving whatever problem faced them in the requisite 25-27 minutes. Roy was a legitimate American hero. There were few like him.

"Buffalo Bob" Smith, who brought a generation of youngsters a puppet called "Howdy Doody," was similarly an icon for those of us who grew up in the 1950s. We remember the "Peanut Gallery," Phineas T. Bluster, Clarabelle and the rest.

TV is not what it used to be, probably because there are no more people like Roy Rogers and "Buffalo Bob."

Roy and Dale singing *"Happy Trails"* was one of the top two magic moments in 1950s television. (The other, of course, was the Lone Ranger and Tonto riding out of town after subduing the Cavendish gang, again, with one of the townspeople asking "Who was that masked man?" The answer was always the same: "He's a friend to anyone on the side of the law. He's the Lone Ranger!") Set the memory banks to the 1950s and see if you can hear Roy and Dale sing it one more time.

"Happy trails to you, until we meet again. Happy trails to you, keep smilin' until then. Who cares about the clouds when we're together? Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather. Happy trails to you 'till we meet again.

"Some trails are happy ones, Others are blue. It's the way you ride the trail that counts, Here's a happy one for you.

"Happy trails to you until we meet again. Happy trails to you, keep smilin' until then. Who cares about the clouds when we're together? Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather. Happy trails to you 'till we meet again."

Senior captain Al Wilson will guide a defense that looks to regain its position atop the SEC in total defense, a title it earned after the 1996 season.

Turning 50 was not hard. You wake up one morning, July 15 to be exact, and you're there. There are no trumpets, no fanfare, just the obligatory "old' jokes from your (much younger) wife and friends. Their time will come.

The gall bladder was likewise easy, what with the miracle of what's called laparoscopic surgery. (I'm not making this up.) It beats the heck out of a colonoscopy and that's all I'm saying about that. I had that one, too.

There was also a collective 50th birthday party for the Holston High School Class of 1966 this August where most of us got together to see how "good" we all looked at the half century mark. It was a real joy to be there with all those old people.

Just for perspective, I remember telling someone back in 1991 that I would be 50 the next time we played Auburn in the regular season, not knowing we would play them in the SEC Championship game last December. It seemed so long ago, but here is a visit to the "Loveliest Village on the Plain" (taken from an Oliver Goldsmith poem) coming up this October. You have to watch what you say, and I've learned that, albeit too late.

In my book on Peyton, I did say, among other things, that his knee, injured in the Championship game, was the "size of an adult grapefruit" when he went to New York after the SEC Championship game. My wife wanted to know what that meant. She asked if there were baby grapefruit and adolescent grapefruit. I don't know. It just seemed like the right thing to say. That's really how big it was. Peyton showed me, right before he went on with David Letterman. I was there when it happened.

So what do I say to all this travail in the summer of 1998? Bring on football. Bring on Tee Martin, Jamal Lewis, Al Wilson and the rest. It's time to go to Syracuse and the take on the Orangemen and the rest of the 1998 cast of Goliaths. It's been much too long without seeing young men in Orange jerseys on gridirons across the south.

The publishing empire continues to thrive. There's Elijah Lee Hardin, son of Rob and Pam Hardin and Zachary Kenneth Field, son of Donnell and Beth Field as new additions to the fold. Steve Sams now joins us after taking his leave of VASF and the Ticket Office. He'll be with us exclusively this fall as he goes to MBA School. You'll be interested in knowing Sams was the No. 1 graduate in the College of Communications this summer. Good job, Steve.

So, we're back for another year. Many of you have returned for another year and many of you are likewise getting your introduction to ***Volunteers Magazine***. To each of you, we say welcome. We look forward to bringing you the story of Vol sports in the months to follow.

We're a year older and hopefully a year wiser. We'll see about that.

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— Tom Mattingly

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